

walked past the Swiss Chalet cottages, with beautiful big geranium blossoms growing in window boxes. Here livestock and family live under one roof. The atmosphere was friendly and peaceful. Two of our dear grandmothers grew up here, Anna and Mary Schmid and their brother, Robert. They were baptized (sprinkled) at the alter of this modest Swiss Reformed church built in 1654. The inscription on the alter read, "Let the little ones come unto me and forbid them not, for such is the Kingdom of Heaven." This was a special occasion and touched our hearts deeply as we recalled memories of these kind, gentle people we love so much. It was as though we were standing on hallowed ground. The cemetery in the church yard was well taken care of with colorful flowers growing on top of the graves. The headstones were engraved with familiar names.

In Switzerland, all business places close at noon. The main meal is served at this time of the day. It was nearing noon and we had to purchase food for our lunch. We hurried to the nearby store and had an interesting experience trying to purchase food in English. It was good to have an interpreter, as not too many of us could speak the Swiss language. A kind lady living next to the store offered the use of her W C (water closet). No other public facilities were available. We ate our lunch on the bus, as it is considered rude to eat food while walking in public. As we left Berg am Irchel, two friendly ladies waved goodbye to us, confirming our feelings about this being a friendly village.

After traveling through more scenic country, we arrived at Luzern and stopped for a short rest. It was a picturesque drive along the Zurichsee. We noticed camouflaged Civil Defense Centers built in the side of the mountains, large enough to accommodate 25,000 people with a hospital, swimming pool, food for three months or more and other supplies stored for a national emergency. The Swiss go to any cost and all ends to preserve their freedom and heritage. Landslides are a problem